I Claim:

1) A kit for use in making a support for a flexible covering for a tree having a predetermined tree height, a predetermined tree diameter and a calculated tree circumference, the support comprising:

a center pole having a length that is at least three quarters and not more than one and one half times the tree height;

a flexible tubular member having a selected outer diameter;

at least four spoke members, each having a respective length that is at least one quarter of the tree diameter and not more than three quarters of the tree diameter;

the kit comprising:

at least one central fitting having a center pole socket for slidably receiving an upper end of the center pole, each of the at least one central fitting having at least two transverse sockets disposed transverse to the center pole socket, each of the transverse sockets having an internal diameter selected to slidably fit about a respective proximal end of one of the spoke members; and

at least three through-tee fittings, each through-tee fitting having an axial throughhole large enough for the flexible tubular member to pass entirely through the fitting, each through-tee fitting also having a tee socket disposed transverse to the axial throughhole, each tee socket having a diameter selected to slidably fit about a respective distal end of one of the spoke members.

2) The kit of Claim 1 wherein at least one central fitting comprises a cap fitting having four transverse sockets.

3) The kit of Claim 1 wherein at least one central fitting comprises a cap fitting having exactly two transverse sockets

4) The kit of Claim 1 wherein at least one central fitting comprises a throughhole aligned with the center pole socket so that the center pole can pass entirely through the at least one central fitting, the at least one central fitting further comprising at least two transverse sockets.

5) The kit of Claim 1 further comprising a plurality of slanted elbow fittings.

6) A method of placing a flexible cover over a tree having a predetermined tree height, a predetermined tree diameter and a calculated tree circumference, the flexible cover selected to be substantially larger than the predetermined diameter, the method comprising the steps of:

a) sliding a selected number, equal to or greater than three, of through-tee fittings onto a flexible tubular member having two ends and having a length substantially equal to the tree circumference;

b) bending the flexible tube to form a support wheel having a wheel circumference substantially equal to the tree circumference and then attaching the two ends of the flexible tube together;

c) connecting, by means of respective spoke members, each of the through-tee fittings to an associated central fitting;

d) folding the flexible cover and placing it on a working surface so that a central portion of the flexible cover, having a width substantially equal to the predetermined diameter, is uppermost and so that the rest of the flexible cover is disposed beneath the central portion thereof;

e) placing the support wheel on the central portion of the flexible cover and attaching the central portion of the cover to the support wheel at three or more places along the circumference thereof;

f) inserting one end of a rigid tubular member through a respective throughhole in each of the central fittings;

g) inverting the rigid tubular member so as to define an assembly comprising a folded flexible cover draped across a horizontally disposed support wheel supported by the vertically disposed rigid tubular member;

h) conveying the assembly so formed towards the tree so that the rigid tubular member is adjacent a trunk of the tree; and

i) unfolding the flexible cover so as to drape the flexible cover over the tree.

7) The method of Claim 6 wherein spoke members are connected to an associated central fitting in a pair-wise fashion wherein the two spoke members of each pair extend diametrically across the support wheel.

8) A support for a flexible covering for a tree having a predetermined tree height, a predetermined tree diameter and a calculated tree circumference, the support comprising:

a center pole having a length that is at least three quarters and not more than one and one half times the tree height;

a flexible tubular member having two ends and having a length that is at least one half the tree circumference and not more than one and one half times the tree circumference, the flexible tubular member having a selected outer diameter;

at least four spoke members, each having a respective length that is at least one quarter of the tree diameter and not more than three quarters of the tree diameter;

at least one central fitting having a center pole socket for slidably receiving an upper end of the center pole, each central fitting having at least two transverse sockets disposed transverse to the center pole socket, each of the transverse sockets having an internal diameter selected to slidably fit about a respective proximal end of one of the spoke members;

at least three through-tee fittings, each through-tee fitting having an axial throughhole large enough for the flexible tubular member to pass entirely through the fitting, each through-tee fitting also having a tee socket disposed transverse to the axial throughhole, each tee socket having a diameter selected to slidably fit about a respective distal end of one of the spoke members; and

a circumferential fitting comprising one of a tube coupling and a tee fitting, the circumferential fitting for receiving each of the two ends of the flexible tubular member in a respective opening.

9) The support of Claim 8 comprising at least eight spoke members and at least two central fittings, the support further comprising at least four slanted elbow fittings.